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Perspectives on the Minimum Wage, Earned Income Tax Credit and Economic Security in California — Lunch with the League April 28

We have all heard arguments for and against raising the minimum wage. It is a hot topic this year since the City Council voted to raise the minimum wage and then it was prevented from taking place by a referendum that is expected to be on the June ballot. Arguments for raising it usually focus on how expensive it is to live in California and especially San Diego.



Arguments against raising it often have to do with the pressure on small businesses, which are often having a hard time making ends meet as it is. Small Businesses often point to the Earned Income Tax Credit, EITC, as a better solution. EITC is a benefit for working people with low to moderate income. To qualify, you must meet certain requirements and file a tax return, even if you do not owe any tax or are not required to file. EITC reduces the amount of tax you owe and may give you a refund.

To qualify for EITC you must have earned income from working for someone or from running or owning a business or farm and meet basic rules. And, you must either meet additional rules for workers without a qualifying child or have a child that meets all the qualifying child rules for you.

It can all get rather complicated especially for those

who are trying to make ends meet in California, a state with a high cost-of-living. To help us understand this issue, we will have three excellent speakers: Chris Hoene, Executive Director of the California Budget and Policy Center, headquartered in Sacramento, Mark Herbet, Executive Director of the Small Business majority, headquartered in Sacramento, and

Isela Ramos, organizing director for the Center on Policy Initiatives in San Diego. Using the information provided by these speakers, we will see when raising the minimum wage works best, when the EITC is best and when a combination of the two can help decrease economic insecurity for many California families.

To prepare yourself for this luncheon, you may want to go on the Living Wage Calculator, created by economists at MIT at <http://livingwage.mit.edu/>.

You might also like to see how the minimum wage has grown over the years in California to bring us to where we are today: www.dir.ca.gov/iwcl/MinimumWageHistory.htm

Join us for another fascinating “Lunch with the League.” See the flyer on page 9 for details.

Jeanne Brown, President



Meet the Candidates

LWVSD is partnering with KNSJ on some upcoming debates.

Watch for specific dates and locations. Hold on to your vote-by-mail ballots until you join us for a

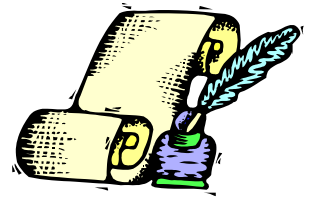
Meet the Candidates event May 25 from 6-8 pm at the Downtown Library.

All candidates on the June ballot have been invited. Don't miss this great meet and greet opportunity.

Be sure to check on our homepage (lwvsandiego.org) and watch for emails as we finalize the details.

President's Message

It's Spring! Some people don't think San Diego has a spring because it's beautiful all year 'round. I think it goes from beautiful to gorgeous. The ice plant blooming on the hillsides, the jacaranda lining our streets and the succulents can outdo the roses. Awesome!



The League, too, is blooming and awesome. With mock elections, candidate forums, and ballot issue analysis, we are blooming with excitement and information.

SmartVoter has evolved to become Voter's Edge and we will need people to help input local election information into the site. We can use all the help we can get as we move on to the June primary election and then to ready ourselves for the November election that promises to have over 20 ballot propositions. This year even more people will be looking to the League for help deciphering our ballot.

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Participation increases your understanding. The more involved you get, the more everything seems to fit together and make sense. One of the best things about being part of LWV is being involved in making our elections honest, understandable, and accessible. You can do that by joining our Voter Service or Public Policy Committees. Interested? Call the office at 858-483-8696 and let us know what you would like to do.

Yours in League,

Jeanne Brown

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for contributing to non-partisan educational activities during this election year.

Jody Tadder, Director, Finance

April Unit Meetings

Have you wondered about the way this primary season is going? Have other primary seasons been this strange? Yes, we've seen Super Tuesday before but what about states that have the two parties voting on different days ... has that ever happened before? Why do some states have "winner-take-all" primaries while other are proportional? The April Unit Meetings should answer these questions along with others and will go over the Pros and Cons of any ballot issues that are planned to be on the June Primary. Come, learn and discuss our crazy primary systems and if there is anything that could be done to improve it.

Units ~ April ~ Pros and Cons and Primaries



See box on page 2

Mon, Apr 11 9:30-11:30 am	Rancho Bernardo & Scripps Ranch	The Gateway – TV Room 858-487-1197 12751 Gateway Park Road, Poway 92064	Betsy Stevens.....858-451-5653
Mon, Apr 11 1:30-3:30 pm	College/Rolando	College Rolando Library, Seminar Room B 6600 Montezuma Road, San Diego 92115	Ann McDonald....619-464-1937 Pearline Hayes....619 582-2296
Tues, Apr 12 9:30-11:30 am	La Jolla	La Jolla Community Center 6811 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla 92037	Terri Prevost.....619-384-3062 Alice McCauley...858-642-1856
Thurs, Apr 21 10 am-noon	Ocean Beach/ Point Loma	Point Loma Library 3701 Voltaire St, Point Loma (SD) 92107	Nancy Witt.....619-222-7230 Shirley Walkoe....619-223-6314
Wed, Apr 13 1-3 pm	Tierrasanta	Tierrasanta Library 4985 La Cuenta Drive, San Diego 92124	Carole Porter.....858-279-5474
Sat, Apr 9 10 am-noon	Southeastern	Malcolm X Library, Multi-media Room 5138 Market Street, San Diego 92105	Sue Rogers.....619-233-1744

LWVSD Board/Committee Meetings ~ April

Tues	Apr 1	10 am	LWVSDC ILO Board, Scripps Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Dr, SD 92131
Mon	Apr 4	10 am	Membership Committee, League Office, Ste. 224A, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Tues	Apr 5	5:30 pm	LWVSD Board, Board Room, League Office, Ste. 224A, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Thurs	Apr 7	9:30 am	Unit Council, League Office, Ste. 224A, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Fri	Apr 8	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, League Office, Ste. 224A, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Sat	Apr 2	12 noon	Voter Service Committee , home of Margaret Stevenson; contact Chair Amanda Berg for more information: amandalberg@gmail.com . 858-603-3733, p 4
Fri	Apr 15	10 am	Program Committee, League Office, Ste. 224A, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Wed	Apr 20	9:30 am	Education Committee, SD County Office of Ed., 6401 Linda Vista Rd, SD 92111, 209 Lucia Garay: update on QPI and other programs county oversees

LWVSD Activities ~ April, May, June ~ Mark your Calendars!

Tues	Apr 12	6-8 pm	Sips & Civility: Money in Politics, San Diego Central Library 330 Park Blvd, SD www.meetup.com/League-of-Women-Voters-San-Diego/events/228885898/
Sun	Apr 17	10 am-4pm	Earth Day, Balboa Park, p 6
Mon	Apr 18	5:30 pm	Ethics Commission Forum Money in Politics, SD Central Library, 330 Park Blvd, p 6
Thurs	Apr 28	11:30 am	Lunch with League, Economic Security, Tom Ham's,
Fri	May 6	11am-2pm	Early Childhood Education: Supporting Quality in a New Framework, flyer p 8
Sat	May 14	9:30 am	Campus Justice & Sexual Assault Study Consensus Mtg, Mission Valley Libr, pp 4-5
Sat	May 21	10am-2pm	LWVSDC (ILO) County Convention, Scripps Ranch Library (time approximate)
Wed	May 25	6-8 pm	Meet the Candidates, San Diego Central Library 330 Park Blvd, San Diego, p 1
Sat	June 4	10am-1pm	LWVSD Annual Meeting, Mission Valley Library 2123 Fenton Pkwy, San Diego
Tues	June 7		State of California Primary Election

Also see <http://lwvsandiego.org/calendar.html> for updates

Voter Service Committee

The Voter Service Committee is actively planning our Next Sips & Civility event (April 12) on the topic of Money in Politics. This event series is designed to engage younger voters in civil discourse. We are also planning a Meet the Candidates night at the Downtown Library (May 25) and coordinating outreach to community organizations who may wish to host a Candidate Forum. The committee is also gearing up for a busy election season and is looking for members who want to learn how to do "Prop Talks" to be trained in the primary season. Our meetings are held at the home of Margaret Stevenson and the next meeting will be Saturday, April 2, 12 noon. Contact Chair *Amanda Berg* for more information: amandalberg@gmail.com. 858-603-3733.

Member Volunteer Needed

Our Finance Committee would very much like to have a volunteer who is good with crafts and / or graphics. We want to design something to present to members for use at our presentations. Anyone good with art work?

Let *Jody Tadder* know. 858-277-4576

Campus Justice & Sexual Assault Study



Save the Date! The Campus Justice & Sexual Assault Study Consensus Meeting will be Saturday, May 14, 9:30 am at the Mission Valley Library. If you haven't read much of the study background material, a screening of the film The Hunting Ground may help. You can now view it on Netflix streaming.

2016 Distinguished Lecturer Series

Sponsored by San Diego State University's College of Education, the Center for Research in Mathematics and Science Education (CRMSE), and the STEM Education Economics and Equity (SEEE) Seminar Series

Thursday, May 5, 2016

Reception: 4-4:30 pm, San Diego State University, Montezuma Lounge, Conrad Prebys Aztec Student Union

Lecture: 4:30-6:00 pm, SDSU Montezuma Theatre, Conrad Prebys Aztec Student Union

Subversive Teaching?

Mathematics Teachers Using Creative Insubordination to Address Social Justice

Rochelle Gutiérrez, PhD, Professor of Mathematics Education

Department of Curriculum & Instruction, Latina/Latino Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



Free but you need to sign up with Eventbrite

Free Parking: SDSU Parking Structure 6 (PS 6), Level 6 only. Signage and directions will be available.



LWVSD Board Meeting — March 1, 2016

We meet the first Tuesday of the month to discuss, debate, and decide League issues.



Anne Hoiberg
Paul Ward (visitor)
Amie Garapich
Amanda Berg
Myles Pomeroy

Present but not in photos:
Dolores Nelson

Jeanne Brown
Beryl Flom
Donna Bartlett-May
Mary Hansen
Carole Porter
Penny Adler
Marjie Larsen

Not present: Lori Thiel



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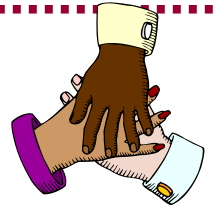
We have three new members this month, so please welcome them when you see them at meetings:

Julie Ann Sih and her daughter, **Jennifer Sih** - 92129

Ralph Thomas - 91915

The LWVSD is applying for an award at the LWVUS Convention this summer. We are so proud of our work that we are submitting four applications for Sips and Civility, Early Childhood Education's promotion of the "Raising of America" film, the work on immigration and deportation, and all the exciting luncheon panels. Don't miss out on these events when they are presented.

Beryl Flom, Membership Chair, 858-459-4406, edflom@sbcglobal.net



San Diego EarthWork's 27th annual EarthFair 2016

Sunday, April 17, 2016, Balboa Park • 10am – 5pm

The world's largest annual environmental fair and Earth Day Celebration produced by volunteers! <http://earthdayweb.org/>

Contact **Jeanne Brown** to volunteer at the LWV booth:



MONEY IN POLITICS FORUM

Hosted by the San Diego Ethics Commission

APRIL 18, 2016 | 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

San Diego Central Library 330 Park Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92101
Limited free parking available at the library.
The use of public transportation is encouraged.

Space is limited for this free event.
Registration begins on February 18
through Eventbrite.

Questions? Please call 619-533-3476 or
email ethicscommission@sandiego.gov.

Keynote Speaker



Honorable Alex Padilla

California Secretary of State

Six years after the landmark Supreme Court ruling in the *Citizens United* case, the nationally-recognized experts at this forum will cover a range of topics associated with big money in politics and government efforts to ensure transparency and prevent the appearance of corruption.

Following a keynote address by Secretary of State Alex Padilla, Ann M. Ravel, Commissioner, Federal Election Commission, will talk about the regulation of "dark money" and advancements in the disclosure of campaign spending. Paul S. Ryan, Deputy Executive Director Campaign Legal Center, will report on significant developments in campaign finance litigation. Gary S. Winuk, Murphy Austin Adams Schoenfeld LLP (former FPPC Enforcement Director), will address the regulation of Super PACs in California. Stephen J. Kaufman, Kaufman Law Group, and Jason Roe, Revolis Consulting San Diego, will provide perspective from those endeavoring to comply with government regulations and will also talk about emerging trends in the 2016 election cycle.

Charter Review Committee (CRC) - Update at City Council

The League's CRC continues to work with the City Council's CRC to update and reorganize the San Diego City Charter.



Many of the revisions have to do with moving detailed procedures from the Charter to the Municipal Code, clarifying language, conforming to state law and consolidating scattered topic matters. In addition, the City Council has now approved several ballot measures for the June primary election:

- consolidate sections on budgeting and appropriations as well as clarify the budgeting process which has been put in chronological order
- update sections related to financial operations including clarifying that the proceeds from the sale of city-owned property can be used for financing permanent public improvements, allow the city to approve contracts for bond-funded projects in a more timely manner, and require a majority vote of the council to spend General Fund reserves and a 2/3 vote to spend emergency reserves
- clarify that the close out audits of officers who leave City employment are routinely performed by the Human Resources Department, not the City Auditor and that the City Auditor may perform close out audits when he/she chooses but it is not required
- dedicate sales tax growth and savings from reduced pension payments over the next 25 years toward neighborhood infrastructure improvements (Councilman Kersey's "Rebuild San Diego" plan)
- update bond authorization procedures to conform to state law, move the sections on water & sewer to the municipal code, and authorize the issuance of revenue bonds by a two-thirds

vote of the Council

- replace a provision on the way the city levies, assesses and collects property taxes to conform with state law
- make some minor changes to the independent citizen Redistricting Commission
- replace the term "city manager" with "mayor," and "auditor" and "comptroller" to "chief financial officer."
- delete several sections or move them to the Municipal Code

City Clerk Elizabeth Maland told the Council members that since every change has to be printed in the ballot, they might have to come up with as much as \$1 million extra for the city's election budget.

The CRC is now getting into meatier issues:

- whether to add a section in the City Charter to allow the San Diego Unified School district to renew its lease on Balboa Park property to continue to operate San Diego High School there; this was rejected by the CRC
- whether to allow the Junior Lifeguards to build a headquarters on Mission Beach and solidifying it in the City Charter; this would not be allowed under current law
- how to set salaries of elected officials
- how to dismiss a mayor

These items will be on future ballots starting in November 2016.

Beryl Flom, Chair, LWVSD Charter Review

Committee

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION: SUPPORTING QUALITY IN A NEW FRAMEWORK

Date: Friday, May 6, 2016

Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Place: Handlery Hotel, 950 Hotel Circle North San
Diego, 92108

Info: Debra Boles, 619-521-3066 ext. 2319

Cost: \$20 Pre-registration/Includes light lunch,
materials and parking



Please join the Early Care and Education community and invited Legislative Representatives, City Officials, County Board of Supervisors, and County Board of Education to discuss vital policy issues affecting children and families.

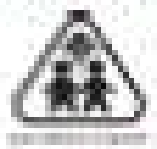
Special Guest Speaker

Debra McMannis, Director,

California Department of Education, Early Education and Support Division (EESD)

How will implementing Federal changes brought about by the reauthorized Federal Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) affect your early childhood program? Bring your questions and receive reliable information directly from EESD regarding the California Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan and the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS).

This special event is sponsored by YMCA Children Resource Service, San Diego County Child Care & Development Planning Council, San Diego County Office of Education, Volunteers of America, Child Development Associates, and The League of Women Voters of San Diego.



Space is limited! Send registration form below, and check or money order payment:
YMCA-CRS, Attn: RSR Training, 3333 Camino del Rio South, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108
Sorry, no refunds or credits. Substitutions will be allowed if you are unable to attend.

LEGISLATIVE LUNCH (May 6, 2016)

\$20.00 enclosed per person

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Lunch with League

**Perspectives on Minimum Wage,
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
and Economic Security**



Thursday, April 28, 2016

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

**Tom Ham's
Lighthouse Restaurant
2150 Harbor Drive**

**\$30 by Apr 25
or \$35 after**

Speakers

Chris Hoene ~ Executive Director, the California Budget and Policy Center

Mark Herbert ~ Executive Director, Small Business Majority

Isela Ramos ~ Organizing Director, Center on Policy Initiatives



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Lunch with League: Economic Security, April 28, 2016

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Address _____ E-Mail _____

Guest(s) _____

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LWVSD Diversity Policy

The LWVSD, in both its values and practices, affirms its belief and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there should be no barriers to participation in any activity of the League of Women Voters on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability. LWVSD recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision making. LWVSD subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that this inclusiveness enhances the organization's ability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs. LWVSD affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Americans in its Board, staff, and programs.

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